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December 23, 2018

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**Kids**

We love kids in worship! However, if you prefer, a nursery is available for infants to kids age four on the first floor of the A-Building. Kids' Church is available for kindergarten through fifth graders. Kids should be checked in by 10:50am in Room A201. A greeter is happy to escort you there.

**Restrooms**

Exit a rear door of the worship space, take a left, and the restrooms are on the right near the end of hall.

**WiFi (DFUMC-Guest)**

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**GENEROSITY REPORT**

Worship Attendance.....352  
December Giving.....\$76,396  
December Needs.....\$140,000



**In The Waiting**  
**Isaiah 64:1-4; Galatians 4:4-5**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FX (Family Experience) Christmas, December 24** | Bring the whole family for a worship experience at 1:00pm Christmas Eve in Patricia Tidwell Hall (B-Building) that includes music, games, cookies and hot chocolate. A nursery will be provided. Please register at [www.douglasvilleFUMC.org/FX](http://www.douglasvilleFUMC.org/FX).

**Christmas Eve Worship, December 24** | 5:00pm Contemporary in Patricia Tidwell Hall, 7:00pm Traditional in the Sanctuary. Nursery provided.

**Christmas Offering** | Our Christmas offering goes to Douglasville Dinner Church and our international mission partner in Thailand. Please write "Christmas Offering" on the memo line of your check or give online at [www.douglasvilleFUMC.org/give](http://www.douglasvilleFUMC.org/give).

**Combined Worship, December 30** | We will worship together next Sunday at 11:00am in the Sanctuary. Dress is casual. Please note that there will not be breakfast, Kids and Youth Sunday School, or Kids' Church that day.

**Year End Giving Vital to DFUMC** | As with all churches and non-profits, we depend on strong year end giving. With eight days left in the year, we still need \$63,604 to meet our operating budget expenses. Thank you for your generosity.

**Last Call for 2019 Estimate of Giving Pledge Cards** | Please prayerfully consider your 2019 giving and complete and turn in a "2019 Estimate of Giving" pledge card.

**"New Year, New You" Discipleship Coaching, January 9** | Make 2019 your greatest year yet! As a follow-up to the January 6 sermon, our Pastors will be offering a special one-night discipleship group coaching session from 6:35-7:45pm in Huffine Hall. Bring a completed "Self-Reflection" document (will be handed out in worship January 6) and receive free dinner at 5:30pm.

**Kids' P.R.A.Y. Program** | New five-week (January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 13) program for kids (Grades 1-5) and parents on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00pm. Register by January 4 by emailing [JessicaS@douglasvilleFUMC.org](mailto:JessicaS@douglasvilleFUMC.org) and bring \$25 payment to the first class meeting. Scholarships are available if needed.

## INVITATIONS

### AN INVITATION TO FOLLOW JESUS

Jesus loves you and desires to be in relationship with you. Jesus offers you abundant life (peace, joy, meaning, purpose, love, fulfillment) now and forevermore.

### AN INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP

While membership is not required to worship or participate at Douglasville First UMC, membership is integral for the maturing believer. Along with devotion to Christ, the Christian life includes learning, living and growing together with other Christians as a part of the Body of Christ. To be a member is to be part of a living organism- a vital community animated by the Spirit to love and to serve.

To discuss either invitation, please contact Rev. Heather Jallad via email at [HeatherJ@douglasvilleFUMC.org](mailto:HeatherJ@douglasvilleFUMC.org) or call 770-942-3146.

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